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Art Group of Parent: 2818

Examiner of Parent: C. C. Yoha

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW PRIOR TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP § 713.02

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 21, 2003

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 713.02, which states:

"A request for interview prior to first Office Action is ordinarily granted in continuing or substitute applications,"

applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview prior to first Office Action in this continuation application. With regard to this, applicants are in the process of preparing new claims for the Examiner's consideration, which will be discussed during the interview. Applicants and the undersigned attorney greatly appreciate the Examiner's consideration in this regard.

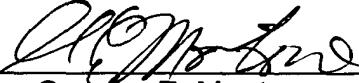
If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of, either by telephone discussion or by personal interview,

the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (520.39222CV2).

Respectfully submitted,

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